

Environmental Tidbits

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Announcements

Attention MBP3 Members – annual reporting forms are still available for 2007

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements_189893_7.doc

MBP3 Partner Informational Requests

If you have information or comments regarding **"Informational Requests"**, please send them to Jeff Spencer, MBP3 Coordinator, at spencerj3@michigan.gov (unless otherwise indicated).

Environmental Awareness

Don't be "fuelish", follow these easy tips for gasoline savings

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-aqd-ECODRIVING_236721_7.pdf

\$6.5 million in Michigan Energy Efficiency Grants to 14 organizations

<http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc>

Go Green Stay Green

<http://www.gogreenstaygreen.com/>

GE Plans 20 Percent Cut in Water Use by 2012

<http://www.genewscenter.com/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=3620&NewsAreaID=2>

Grace Grange Lodge and Stable has earned Green Lodging Michigan certification

<http://www.gracegrange.com/>

Napa Winery Basks in Solar Power

<http://www.greenerbuildings.com/news/2008/05/30/napa-winery-basks-solar-power>

Chemical Law Has Global Impact E.U.'s New Rules Forcing Changes By U.S. Firms

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/11/AR2008061103569.html?wpisrc=newsletter>

Holiday Inn-Troy has earned Green Lodging Michigan

www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/dttr?requestid=490089

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Heinz Looks to Reuse Potato Peels, Improve Resource Use to Cut Emissions

<http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/heinz/template.MAXIMIZE/menuitem.e07e4ec594ae9a883354c0ede6908a0c>

Encouraging Approach to Pollution Prevention

<http://www.nrdc.org/enterprise/greeningadvisor/>

Sustainable Travel International

<http://www.sustainabletravelinternational.org/>

Energy & Climate Change

Michigan Energy Fair will be back for its third year on June 27-29 at the Manistee County Fairgrounds in Onkama. www.glrea.org

Illumisys Inc. over the next 4 years will replace 200 fluorescent tubes in the Escanaba state office building with three successive generations of LED lamps.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS162577+27-Mar-2008+PRN20080327>

Is My Lunch Causing Global Warming?

<http://www.eatlowcarbon.org/#>

DTE/Mich Con has a new energy efficiency directory and a limited number of rebates for high efficiency natural gas furnaces, home energy audits, and Energy Star natural gas homes.

<http://my.dteenergy.com/home/savings/index.html>

Stop Trashing the Climate Report

http://www.stoptrashingthecclimate.org/fullreport_stoptrashingthecclimate.pdf

Lansing Board of Water and Light has just finished a \$115,000 project to get the Moores Park hydroelectric dam up and running. The dam has been out of commission since 2006, but now it's back in action and is producing enough energy (500 kilowatts) to power 200 homes.

20% Wind Energy by 2030

<http://20percentwind.org/>

Mutual Building, rechristened the Christman Building this year after a \$12 million makeover, is the first building in the world to receive two platinum LEED certifications - one for the shell and exterior and one for Christman's office space.

<http://www.christmanco.com/portfolio.asp?id=106>

Lawrence Technological University's AL0eTERRA zero-energy, solar powered house

<http://solar.ltu.edu/>

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Ontario Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (SOP) has exceeded all expectations. It has contracted for 1,300 MW of projects in the past year. When it was launched in 2006, it expected to develop 1,000 MW over ten years. The SOP provides 42¢/kWh for power from solar panels.

DTE Clean Energy Prize will challenge teams from Michigan colleges and universities to develop the best plan for bringing new clean energy technologies to market.

<http://www.dteenergy.com>

Adaptive Materials Inc. has a new, 47,000-sq.ft. headquarters and manufacturing plant south of Ann Arbor. The new plant will allow it to become the first fuel cell company to mass produce. Adaptive Materials fuel cells are solid oxide and do not rely on expensive, scarce platinum. The fuel cells are comprised of tubes, each about the size of a coffee stirrer, which are ceramic on the outside and a porous mixture of ceramic and small bits of nickel on the inside. When exposed to a variety of fuels, including propane, the tube generates electricity.

<http://www.adaptivematerials.com/>

Recycling

Producer Responsibility at a Turning Point?

http://www.productstewardship.net/PDFs/EPR_Turning_Point_2008.pdf

Water Quality & Conservation

Policy would allow Freighters to Keep Dumping Refuse

<http://www.mlive.com/news/chronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1213281920151600.xml&coll=8>

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

Midwest Wind Energy Workshops

<http://midwestern08.windworkshops.org/>

"Chemical Policy 101 and California's Green Chemistry Initiative" Webinars

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/559324230>

Economic Benefits from Restoring Michigan's Great Lakes Areas of Concern

http://glc.org/spac/pdf/spac_agenda_0608.pdf

Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d

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